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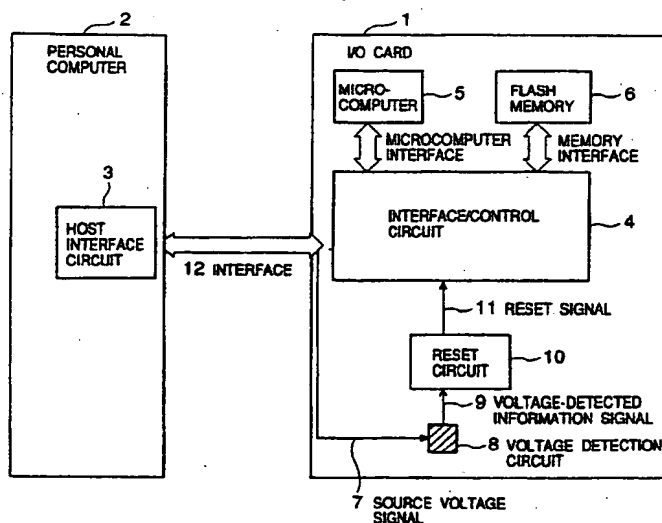
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(54) Internal state determining apparatus

(57) An internal state determining apparatus according to the present invention includes at least one inner circuit, means for detecting a change in voltage supplied from an external device and outputting a detected signal in response to the change in voltage and internal state determining means for determining the inner circuit so as to fall into a predetermined state in response to the detected signal, as components that

make up the internal state determining apparatus. Owing to the internal state determining apparatus having such a construction, when an IC card is activated in response to two types of different voltages, for example, an internal state of the IC card can be reliably determined without burdening a host computer.

FIG.1





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